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The 48th Fighter Wing Public Affairs office wishes Team Liberty happy holidays.

See you all next year!



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Holiday season time to cherish, relax

By Col. Doug Richardson
48th Fighter Wing commander

After a long, fruitful year, the Liberty Wing family is headed into the holiday season. Traditionally a time for family and friends, it's also a time to relax and remember all of our accomplishments in the last year.

We've deployed aircrew and people around the world in 1997 to places such as Turkey, Italy, Africa, Saudi Arabia, and beyond in support of numerous NATO and U.S. taskings.

We've performed magnificently during exercises, inspections, and assessments.

We've improved quality of life at RAF Lakenheath by opening new facilities such as our youth center and the Liberty Intermediate School—and there's a lot more base improve-

ments on the books.

Our people have touched the local community in hundreds of ways, from playing sports on local village teams to volunteering in the community. It's plain to see the 48th Fighter Wing was engaged in 1997—and it's plain to see we made a difference.

For some of our wing members, the holidays must be spent away from home in lands far away—don't forget them. Be sure to let all our deployed members know how important they are to the wing and our country. Each of them deserves special recognition for their efforts during this time of year.

Denise, Megan, Erin and I wish each and every member of the Liberty Wing a happy holiday season and truly hope the new year brings you peace and prosperity. Be safe, relax, and cherish the holidays.

Commander sends greetings

By Gen. John P. Jumper
USAFECOM commander

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS)—The holiday season is typically rich in family traditions. For many it means the joy that comes from spending time with friends and loved ones as we count our blessings.

However, those of us in the military are very much aware of a different scenario—one we live with as a way of life. That scene is one where the military member is missing from the traditional holiday table and family events.

As we celebrate this holiday season, it's appropriate that we pause to recognize the outstanding contributions of our Air Force family both stationed and deployed here in Europe. Each of you have consistently put service above

self and demonstrated how collectively we can make a positive difference in this world. We can change the course of history for the better, we can use the great capabilities of our armed forces to secure peace—this, quite simply, is why we serve.

Yet these great feats that impact our world wouldn't be possible without the love and support of our families. You are indeed a critical part of this Air Force team and exhibit a special kind of courage when enduring the hardships, the long hours, and the separations that have been necessary to accomplish our missions. To you, a very special thanks for sharing in the sacrifices necessary to make our world a better place to live.

To all of you on our Air Force team here in Europe, my family joins me in wishing you a joyous holiday season and a very prosperous new year.

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John P. Jumper
48th Fighter Wing commander

COLA/OHA concerns

Q. I'm curious as to when we at Team Liberty might see an adjustment in our COLA and OHA? After talking to finance, it seems we're still be paid at the rate of \$1.63 to £1, when in all actuality the pound rate is \$1.75 and has been for some time. This rate has been in effect since September. Don't you think an adjustment is due?

A. Everyone's COLA and OHA raters were increased by the Washington D.C.-based Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Committee Nov. 16. This affected everyone's Dec. 1 paycheck.

Local finance offices aren't responsible for the timing of COLA and OHA changes. Instead, the PDTATAC continually monitors purchasing power between overseas countries and the United States to maintain parity. The tricky part about COLA is that your equivalent purchasing power is a combination of the local exchange rate, the percentage of goods and services a given family buys on the economy, and how well the U.S. economy is doing versus the host nation economy. The combination of these factors is measured by a cost of living index which must change by two percentage points in either direction before the PDTATAC adjusts the COLA. Thus, COLA isn't designed to chase the local exchange rate, but rather to maintain purchasing parity with military members in the continental United States. Sometimes this works out to less than the exchange rate, sometimes more. But over time, we are at parity.

You'll be pleased to know that the current COLA rate is set for an exchange rate of \$1.75 to the pound, but the actual exchange rate has dropped below that.

Antiochus sought to destroy Judaism: *Hanukkah celebrates miracle after successful revolt against a king*

By Rabbi (Maj.) Brett Oxman
RAF Mildenhall chapel

In 167 B.C., King Antiochus, leader of the Syrian-Greek empire, decreed that Jewish practice would be punishable by death. He had his army desecrate the Temple, the holy centerpiece of Judaism. Mattathias, and later his son Judah the Maccabee, led the revolt against Antiochus, and after a three-year war, returned to the Temple to rededicate it by lighting the menorah. According to an ancient Jewish tradition, Jews found enough oil to burn for one day. Miraculously, it burned for eight and that is the miracle Jews celebrate – especially in homes with children.

It's not only for children

There is an even deeper meaning to Hanukkah and it begins with a question that is rarely raised. Why did Antiochus want to destroy Judaism? After all, under Antiochus, Hellenism developed a flourishing civilization that was unparalleled in philosophy, art, poetry, science and many other disciplines. What threat did Judaism pose?

Antiochus correctly understood that the Greeks' Hellenistic values were ultimately in deep conflict with Judaism. For example, the Greek emphasis on the physical was antithetical to the Jewish emphasis on the moral. It has been said, "To the

Greeks the beautiful was holy. To the Jews the holy was beautiful."

Nothing more clearly demonstrated this than the attitude toward deformed or retarded infants. Greeks left these children exposed to die on mountain tops, a practice known as "exposure." Such is the moral danger in a society obsessed with the physical.

Judaism, whose beliefs state that every human being is created in the image of God and is of infinite value, taught Jews to do everything to save such children. For Jews, beauty is to be deeply appreciated, but it should not be the arbiter of morality.

This is a critical lesson for humanity. There is no correlation between an artistic and/or intellectually developed society and its moral development. In Antiochus' Hellenistic culture, and in this century Nazi Germany, evil was perpetrated by artistically and intellectually advanced people.

Hanukkah, then, is not only about the miracle of oil. It is an affirmation of Jewish values over Greek values. It is a victory of the moral over the aesthetic and the intellectual, an issue as important today as it was in 167 B.C. And that, along with the miracle of the oil, is worthy of great celebration.

Hanukkah is celebrated Dec. 24. For information on specific Hanukkah services, call Rabbi (Maj.) Brett Oxman at the RAF Mildenhall chapel, 89-2822.

Tips to prevent holiday losses

By SMSgt. Friedrich Stein
Air Combat Command Security Forces

LANGLEY AIRFORCEBASE, Va. (AFNS) – Statistics prove there's an increase in crime around the holidays. Using simple crime prevention strategies when shopping for holiday gifts or planning holiday trips can thwart a crook's holiday plans.

When shopping

❑ Park in well-lit areas, preferably within close distance to the store or mall where you plan to shop.

❑ Never carry large amounts of cash. Use checkbooks, debit cards or credit cards to make most holiday purchases. Don't carry automatic teller machine cards or other debit cards with personal identification numbers.

❑ Let someone know where you're going shopping and when you plan to return.

❑ Shop with a friend. Not only can it be relaxing and fun, it increases personal safety.

❑ Avoid known trouble spots. Shop weekends during daylight hours rather than at night if needed.

❑ If you think you're being followed in a shopping center, find a store's security guard or manager.

❑ If you are approached by a robber, give up the items the robber wants. Nothing you're carrying is worth risking your life or safety.

When traveling

❑ Keep plans quiet. Only inform people who need to know of your travel plans.

❑ Place jewelry and important documents, including a back up of computer files, in a safety deposit box at a bank. All other valuables and firearms should be out of view.

❑ Arrange to have mail and newspaper deliveries either stopped or picked up by a friend.

❑ Turn telephone ringers to the lowest setting, and make sure answering machine messages that are noncommittal as to whether anyone is home or not.

Local tips

❑ Conceal all property, such as compact discs, phones, loose change, etc.

❑ When off base, don't leave pink cards on display. It tells thieves "I'm an American." Most vandalized cars are secondhand British cars owned by Americans.

❑ Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave your house.

❑ Don't display gifts where they can be seen from the outside.

❑ When shopping, close windows, lock car doors and hide shipping bags and gifts in the trunk.

❑ Carry purses close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Put wallets in an inside coat or front pocket.

❑ Criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts, so always ask for identification. (Local tips provided by PS1883 Peter McDonald)



Photo by SSgt. Scott Davis

Severe hair loss

Amn. Amanda Gentry takes a large shock of hair off Capt. Gregory Drake.

The 48th Supply Squadron's officers voluntarily had their heads shaved after the squadron went two years without any drinking and driving incidents.

USAFE commander looks ahead

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS)—Responsibility to the command's mission and its people—these are the top issues for the commander of U.S. Air Forces in Europe.

During an interview just after taking command, Gen. John Jumper said USAFE people will continue to be called on for tough missions, and that command leaders will take a close look at quality of life for airmen and their families throughout Europe.

"We're going to fulfill our responsibilities to our missions in Bosnia; we're going to fulfill our responsibilities to our missions in the NATO alliance ... and we're going to pay special attention to our people, their quality of life and the operations tempo," Jumper said.

Air Expeditionary Force

Several vital missions USAFE faces today involve the air expeditionary force concept embraced by the Air Force.

A relatively new concept of deploying forces, the AEF replaces provisional wings with a more cohesive fighting force and establishes a clearly defined chain of command for airmen working in a joint task force environment.

USAFE, with its permanent forward presence in Europe, is ideally placed for air expeditionary force operations, Jumper said.

"We are hours closer than our forces in the States to potential conflicts in Bosnia and that part of the world.

"We have our own organic airlift and refueling capability so we can be in place and ready to fight more quickly," he said.

The command displayed its AEF capability last fall when it deployed fighters and support forces to Aviano Air Base, Italy, to beef up air patrols and enforce the no-fly zone over Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Housing allowance changes name in '98

By Lt. Col. Paul Hough
48th Comptroller Squadron commander

Many of you have already read about the upcoming changes in military housing allowances directed by Congress in the 1997 National Defense Authorization Act. Beginning Jan. 1, the Department of Defense will reform and streamline the current flat rate Basic Allowance for Quarters and CONUS-based Variable Housing Allowance into a single allowance based on rental costs by location called Basic Allowance for Housing, or BAH. Because overseas members receive Overseas Housing Allowance instead of VHA, the change on leave and earning statements will be largely transparent. BAQ will be retitled BAH, and FSA Type 1 for unaccompanied members with dependents will be retitled Family Separation—Housing. The way OHA is determined will not be changed. January 31 LES' will be the first to reflect these name changes (the

Challenges for the command

The 30-year Air Force veteran sees limited resources as the biggest challenge facing commanders today.

"We are in a situation now where we have a dilemma between money we put toward readiness and money we put toward modernization," he said. "Our job as commanders is to make sure the people in the field have the resources to do their job and that is exactly what I intend to do."

He said USAFE leaders will continue to invest in housing, dormitories, libraries, child development centers and other facilities important to base communities.

"I think our people ask no more than the opportunity to accomplish a well-stated mission, to have some fulfillment in their lives, and to let their families be a part of their lives," he said.

Deal with problems early

The general also addressed discipline within the ranks and the degree of punishment administered by commanders. Using a toolbox analogy, he said commanders don't always have to reach into the box and bring out the biggest hammer when dealing with disciplinary problems.

"Commanders in the field and the people who serve need to understand that commanders have a full range of tools," he said.

"We need to get back to direct counseling and some of the 'tough-love' techniques where you stand somebody in front of your desk," he added. "Use some of those old-fashioned tools to take care of disciplinary problems before we resort to court-martial or even Article 15.

"I think we should act early and I think that's what we're going to see. I know that's what the Air Force chief of staff has promoted to all commanders," he added.

mid-month statement only lists the total amount paid).

In short, stateside members will receive a single housing allowance that varies by assignment location—BAH; while overseas members will continue to receive a fixed housing allowance (also called BAH) plus OHA which varies by location, grade, and dependency status, and which is continually updated based on the exchange rate, living pattern surveys and other factors. January BAH will be higher than December BAQ, reflecting the Congressional pay raise. Because total housing allowance, BAH plus OHA, is designed to defray the total housing costs entitled for your pay grade and dependency status, OHA may change independently in either direction depending on changes in the cost of living index that drives COLA. Anyone PCSing back to the CONUS can e-mail financeat (finance.services@lakenheath.af.mil) to find out how much BAH will be at the new assignment location.



Laurent helps A1C Vanessa Shoemaker prepare potatoes during his visit here.

Knights Table hosts command's top chef

Story and photo by SSgt. Scott Davis
48th Fighter Wing public affairs

U.S. Air Forces in Europe Services command chef Jean-Marc Laurent came to RAF Lakenheath Dec. 7 to work with the cooks at the Knights Table Dining Facility in preparation for a visit from the Hennessy Trophy inspection team in February. Laurent has been the command chef for 14 years.

"I spend my time preaching, 'go for quality, follow a good recipe and make the food appetizing on the night,'" Laurent said during his visit.

"We don't need to go fancy all the time to make good food. (The dining staff members) give their best to make everything tasty, and that's the key to it."

As command chef, Laurent oversees the USAFE Food and Service Training Center where cooks are trained in organization and planning, and cooking for military clubs, dining facilities, fast food, baking, and cooking for child development centers. The center also provides restaurant management classes twice a year.

Between classes, he spends time visiting bases throughout Europe. The visit to Lakenheath came after the Knight's Table was selected as USAFE's entry for the Hennessy Trophy for the second consecutive year.

"(Laurent's visit) was a morale booster," said TSgt. Maria McLernon, Knight's Table manager. "It's a special time when we have the command chef here. We learn more from him each time he visits."

Look ma, no cavities!

Maj. Jose Ibanez-Pabon, 48th Dental Squadron, checks Brian Saul's teeth Dec. 15 at the RAF Lakenheath Community Center.

The 48th Medical Group's well-baby dental program ensures children under 3 receive exams, cleaning, fluoride treatment and oral hygiene instructions.



Photo by Kymm Kent

Flightline driving

The flightline driving regulation LAKI 24-301 affects FOD checks. The regulation says:

□ Effective immediately, out-of-vehicle FOD checks are no longer required at RAF Lakenheath. Drivers are required to come to a complete stop, check the taxiway for aircraft and vehicles, and proceed when clear. The driver will scan the driving lanes for FOD and remove it from the taxiway when safe to do so. FOD prevention is still the responsibility of the vehicle driver, according to Capt. Kelly Koepsell, 48th Operations Support Squadron base operations flight.

□ Rabbit Run Road is closed to all vehicles (POV and GOV) from the Fire Department gate to where the road enters the Aero Club "ramp." Emergency response and maintenance vehicles are exempt. Effective 6 a.m. Jan. 12.

□ All vehicle drivers entering the airfield (driving on or crossing a taxiway) require an Air Force Form 483 Flightline Certificate of Competency (Flightline Driver's License). A waiver is pending from HQ USAF/DOYF (Airfield Operations) for the industrial area around hangar 7. Effective 6 a.m. Feb. 17.

For more information call Ext. 4202.

Car taxes

Many dealers advertise tax free purchases for their particular models. But buyers may be liable for individual state taxes upon returning to the United States, according to 1st Lt. Brent Cotton, base legal office.

When a dealer advertises tax free vehicles, they are generally referencing the Status of Forces Agreement, which exempts military members from duty or shipping taxes.

However, each individual state has the right to tax a new vehicle once it is registered in that state. Each state has different sales tax implications, and service members may register their new vehicle in either their state of residence or in the state in which they are stationed. For example, the state of Florida imposes a 6 - 8 percent sales tax on new vehicles which are registered in that state.

If you're considering a new car purchase or have already done so, please contact the legal office at Ext. 3553 for information on potential tax liability for a particular state.

CMSAF in cyberspace

The Air Force has launched the Air Force senior enlisted leader's home page on the World Wide Web at (<http://www.af.mil/lib/cmsaf/>). The website is an effort by Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Eric Benken get more information to Air Force enlisted men and women all over the world.

The site includes information about the chief, the Office of the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, his current issues, speeches and his office staff.

Hazardous recalls

DALLAS (AFNS) — The Army and Air Force Exchange Service has announced that Guess? Inc. is voluntarily recalling its woman's "Polar Fuzz" jacket.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has found the jackets may be in violation of flammability standards for clothing textiles. Customers should stop wearing the jackets immediately and return them to their nearest AAFES base exchange or post exchange for a full refund. (Courtesy of AAFES News Service)

Liberty Warrior

'Can do' person of the week



Photo by SrA. Scott Asche

SrA. Ernest Bailey 48th Services Squadron

Hometown: Lovely, Ky.

Time in service: Five and a half years

Time on station: Two years

Role in mission: I provide quality food service to the patrons who dine at the Knights Table Dining Facility at midnight.

Favorite movie: "Young Guns"

Favorite book: "Magician" by Raymond Feist

Favorite color: Black

What advantages are there to being stationed here? The travel opportunities and the opportunity to study history.

What was the last book you read? I read "The Queen of Darkness" by Raymond Feist.

If you could be or do anything, what would it be? A computer games programmer.

What do you want your children to be when they grow up? Anything they want to be.

If you could live in any period of history, when would it be and why? Medieval times. I agree with the moral standards they upheld at that time.

What's your favorite region of the United States and why? Appalachian Mountains area. I love the peace and serenity of the mountains.

How will you celebrate the millennium? I would like to attend a party in either New York or Paris.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? A senior master sergeant in the Air Force.

What do you like most about Britain? The relaxed atmosphere and the beautiful countryside.

Why did you join the Air Force? I didn't want to work in the coal mines.

What do you like best about the Air Force? The job security and the full benefits.

What is your most memorable experience in Europe? A weekend tour to Amsterdam.



1997

The year in review

The Liberty Wing had another busy year in 1997, from deployments to inspections to celebrations. Here are some highlights:

January

❑ A new 21,150 square-foot youth center opened on RAF Lakenheath Jan. 11. The \$4.3 million project allows center staff to offer more programs for Liberty Wing children.

❑ Lakenheath's manpower and quality offices merged, and the 48th Operations Group and 48th Logistics Group planning flights were joined to make the 48th Fighter Wing plans office.

❑ The 48th Operations Support Squadron's radar approach control facility temporarily moved to RAF Honington while new equipment was installed on RAF Lakenheath. The RAPCON controllers stayed at Honington through May.

February

❑ The 48th Medical Group officially switched to TRICARE Feb. 1. The change places members enrolled in TRICARE Prime with a primary care manager team, which gives people a "family doctor."

❑ New gas-ration cards replaced ration coupons throughout 3rd Air Force.

❑ Two B1-B Lancer aircraft from the 28th Bomb Wing at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., used RAF Lakenheath as a staging facility for the exercise Optic Windmill.

March

❑ Finnish Air Force Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Matti Ahola visited RAF Lakenheath with then USAFE Commander Gen. Michael Ryan March 4.

❑ Five French Air Force Mirage 2000D air-to-ground variants visited Lakenheath



Courtesy photo

Lt. Gen. Tad Oelstrom and Taylor Hermes cut the ribbon at the youth center grand opening in January.

to practice tactics and training.

❑ The enlisted spouses' club spring bazaar raised nearly \$20,000 for charitable causes. More than 100 vendors had displays at the bazaar and 87 people volunteered more than 2,600 hours for the event.

❑ The Air Force Academy Catholic Cadet Choir performed at the chapel March 28.

❑ Twenty-seven people from the 48th Security Police Squadron returned from a three-and-a-half month deployment to Bosnia. The security policemen worked with the Army's Air Defense Artillery Battalion and military police to ensure base defense, force protection and general law and order.

❑ More than 15 Liberty Wing airmen deployed to West Africa in support of a U.S. European Command noncombatant evacuation from Zaire in the wake of fighting between rebel and government forces there.

April

❑ Two Lakenheath members were selected to be part of the 820th Security Forces Group, the first force protection unit of its kind in the Air Force. MSgt. Tony Legg and TSgt. Rick Parsons, 48th Security Police Squadron, went to Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, to join the group, which provides a highly trained, rapidly deployable "first-in" force protection capable of deploying to any operating location.

❑ Liberty Wing members raised more than 120 percent of its Air Force Assistance Fund goal. More than \$47,000 was raised for the fund which supports Air Force families in need.

❑ The 48th FW was awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for the period of July 1, 1994, to June 30, 1996.

❑ RAF Lakenheath High School students watched live transmissions of JASON '97. The school served as an interactive site for the program which uses satellite communication links to give audiences an opportunity to watch scientists carry out research.

❑ Peacekeeper Park, with pavilions and a walking path, opened as part of Earth Week activities. The park is set around Caudle Head Mere, adjacent to the Wings of Liberty Park.

❑ An Air Force Safety Agency team visited the Liberty Wing for an Operational Safety Review.

❑ RAF Lakenheath went "on-line" with the wing's World Wide Web site.

❑ 48th Security Police Squadron members participated in Creek Defender at Camp Bodney. It was the first time the annual air base defense training class was held outside of Germany.

❑ Seventy-five students and adults

from RAF Lakenheath, RAF Mildenhall, RAF Feltwell, RAF Menwith Hill and RAF Alconbury visited Arad, Romania, during spring break with Club Beyond, an ecumenical Christian group.

May

❑ The 48th Security Police Squadron combat arms training and maintenance staff sponsored an Elementary-Level Excellence in Competition rifle match. More than 100 people competed, and 10 qualified for the Bronze Excellence in Competition rifle badge.

❑ RAF Lakenheath and RAF Mildenhall were used as locations for the newest James Bond film "Tomorrow Never Dies" May 7 and 8.

❑ Beginning May 23, more than 275 Lakenheath people and 20 aircraft traveled to



Photo by SSgt. Steve Ball

The Air Force Academy Cadet Choir performs at St. Mary's Church in Woolpit during their visit in March.

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Canadian Forces Base Cold Lake, Canada, for Maple Flag. The exercise tested aircrew capability and maintenance as U.S. forces worked with other NATO countries.

□ Liberty Wing members assisted with Team Mildenhall members at Air Fete '97 at RAF Mildenhall. The Thunderbirds were the main attraction at USAFE's largest 50th Anniversary of the Air Force event, and more than 340,000 attended.

□ The Cambridge American Cemetery near Madingly was the site of the annual Memorial Day remembrance ceremony May 26. More than 1,400 British and American veterans, active-duty members and their families attended the service.

□ The Lakenheath Kuk Sool Won martial arts school won the overall British Martial Arts School championships at the Norwich sports center May 31.

June

□ On June 5, the 48th FW was awarded the USAFE Outstanding Unit Safety award for 1996, the command's highest recognition for achievement in overall mishap prevention.

July

□ The 48th Security Police Squadron changed its mission and unit name as the unit was redesignated the 48th Security Forces Squadron. The new name reflects an emphasis on mission and force protection, a part of the Air Force core competency of agile combat support.

□ Liberty Wing members received a taste of history as RAF Lakenheath sponsored the Battle of Britain reunion July 12. Col. Doug Richardson, 48th FW commander and Group Commander Dennis David unveiled a Battle of Britain memorial stone at Wings of Liberty Park during a ceremony that day.



Photo by SrA. Grace Hunt

A Battle of Britain veteran reminisces while looking at a display in the officers' club Battle of Britain room.



Photo by SrA. Jeff Capenos

Capt. Carl Schaefer, left, and Capt. Jeff Saxton, 492nd Fighter Squadron aircrew, show actor Pierce Brosnan the inside of an F-15E during a break in the filming of "Tomorrow Never Dies."

□ As construction began for a new dormitory, archeologists discovered a Saxon grave site. The site turned out to hold a major archeological find as, several months later, a Saxon horse and rider were found buried in the same grave. More than 250 graves were found.

□ Maj. Gen. William Hinton took the reigns of 3rd Air Force from Lt. Gen. Tad Oelstrom at a July 18 ceremony at RAF Mildenhall. Oelstrom moved to Colorado Springs, Colo., to become the superintendent of the Air Force Academy.

□ The 494th Fighter Squadron sent two F-15 Strike Eagles to RAF Fairford for the annual Fairford Airshow and Royal International Air Tattoo July 18 - 20. The B-2 stealth bomber made its first landing on British soil at the show.

□ Ammo captured the men's intramural softball championship July 26 and the Lady Medics won the women's crown.

□ CMSAF (Ret.) Sam Parrish was the guest speaker at the Senior Non-Commissioned Officers' Orientation Course induction ceremony July 31.

August

□ More than 800 Liberty Wing members participated in the Aug. 15 family sports day.

□ Channel 4's "The Big Breakfast" broadcast live from Wings of Liberty Park Aug. 18.

□ RAF Lakenheath was home to the USAFE men's and women's softball championships which ended Aug. 30. The Eagles finished second to Ramstein and the Lady Eagles ended in third place.

September

□ The U.S. Air Force celebrated its 50th birthday Sept. 18, and the Liberty Wing joined in with a ceremony at the Wings of Liberty Park and a celebration at the high school football field.

□ Sept. 30 was the deadline for all handgun owners to send their weapons out of the country or turn them over to the local police for destruction. A new British law made handguns illegal.

October

□ The officers' and civilians' spouses' club held its annual bazaar Oct. 3-5.

□ The Liberty Wing kicked off its Community Schools Partnership Program in October. The program matches base units with each of the schools.

□ The Liberty Wing received the USAFE Inspector General Award of Excellence for its performance in the Joint Surety Inspection Oct. 20.

□ Two MiG-29s became the first to land at Lakenheath Oct. 30. The aircrews visited as part of an information exchange to discuss the possibilities of future training.

□ Halloween became a safer experience as the 48th Security Forces Squadron began Operation Nighthawk. More than 100 people volunteered for patrol duty throughout base housing areas to ensure children could trick-or-treat safely.



Photo by Amn. Joseph Lozada

Volunteers collect Christmas cookies baked for airmen and high school students living in dormitories on base.

November

□ The RAF Lakenheath High School Lancer football team finished second in the Division I championships to Wuerzburg, Germany. Along the way, Lakenheath handed Ramstein, Germany, its first home loss in three years.

December

□ Enlisted spouses' club volunteers served a holiday meal to more than 70 senior citizens Dec. 1 at the Liberty Club.

□ The USAFE band performed in Bury St. Edmunds Dec. 4, raising more than £2,000 for the Shelter Charity. The charity aids Britain's homeless.

□ A popular British children's television show, the Teletubbies, filmed at the Lakenheath Elementary School Dec. 5 for a show to be aired in the United States.



Discover Britain

By Linda Laws
Community relations advisor

Charles Dicken's Christmas mix of Victorian traditions and decorations. From crackers to carols, many today celebrate the holiday with the same staples found in...

A Dickensian Christmas

What is a Dickensian Christmas?

This is a question I am frequently asked. Actually, a Dickensian Christmas is really nothing more than using traditions and decorations which were popular in the Victorian period.

The Victorian period was when Charles Dickens (hence Dickensian) lived and wrote. Dickens is best known for his often satirical writing about the exploitation of the poor by the rich, and many of his novels are centred around poor, socially deprived Victorian London.

Many of our current Christmas card images and ideas of the magic of Christmas reflect back to the Victorian age. Some of those traditions include the following.

Evergreen decorations

In winter, when other plants seem to die, the ability of evergreens to stay green and alive during the winter months meant that it became the symbol of everlasting life, fertility and the return of spring.

Mistletoe is known as "golden bough" because it grows on the branches of different varieties of trees. The current custom of kissing beneath the mistletoe may have some connection with the ancient Scandinavian belief that if enemies met beneath mistletoe they would instantly become friends.

Holly berries are said to represent Christ's blood and the prickles, his crown of thorns.

Ivy had strong connections with Bacchus, the Roman god of wine and was not readily accepted into the homes of Christians at first.

It was believed to be unlucky to remove evergreens before the Twelfth Night, Jan. 6. Then they were replaced by snowdrops as a sign that the magic of evergreen had worked and the long awaited spring had arrived.

Christmas stockings

Saint Nicholas is believed to be responsible for the Christmas stockings. The story is told that, long ago, a nobleman had fallen upon hard times, with little money and no dowries to enable his many daughters to marry. On retiring to bed on Christmas Eve, the weeping girls left their stockings hanging over the end of their beds. Taking pity on them, Saint Nicholas tossed some gold coins through the open window and the coins landed inside the stockings. The girls were then able to marry their sweethearts and live happily ever after.

Wrapping paper

Present-giving was not a feature of Christmas until Victorian times. Any gifts that were given before that time tended to be food items which were not normally available, such as cakes.

In Victorian times, coloured paper was very expensive and most presents were wrapped in brown paper. To make the packages more attractive, the Victorians used sequins, ribbons and frills of coloured paper to personalise their presents. A popular Victorian package was a cone-shaper container (or cornucopia) which would be filled with sweets, nuts or raisins and hung on the tree. They were made from cardboard and decorated with cut-out pictures, ribbons and glittery borders.

Christmas crackers

Another Victorian invention, the cracker, or cosaques as they were formerly known, was introduced by Thomas Smith. He went on holiday to France and noticed some interesting-looking sweets or bon bons wrapped in colourful paper with a twist at each end. He brought the idea back to England and started production of miniature surprise parcels. In addition to sweets, they contained small gifts such as perfume and jewelry. The "bang" came later with the invention of two strips of card dipped in a chemical which made a small explosion when pulled apart. Apparently the idea came when Tom Smith was sitting by the fire one night listening to the crackling of logs. The Tom Smith factory in Norwich still produces millions of crackers each year.

Singing of carols

Certainly by Victorian times, carols had become a firmly established part of Christmas. There have been one or two interruptions, during the Reformation and again when Oliver Cromwell came to power. Cromwell banned Christmas and all its associated customs.

Some carols date from the early 15th century. One collection was found in manuscript form in the library of Balliol College, Oxford.

Christmas cards

The first commercial Christmas card was sent in 1843 by the Victorian philanthropist Sir Henry Cole. Sir Henry Cole is also famous for building the well-known London landmark the Royal Albert Hall. In Britain, we send more cards each year than people in any other country. That is more than 1.5 billion cards, of which 750 million are handled by Royal Mail.

The Glastonbury Thorn

Each year, the mayor and vicar of Glastonbury, Somerset, cut sprays from the Glastonbury Thorn for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Christmas table.

The story is told that St. Joseph of Arimathea visited Glastonbury soon after the Crucifixion and planted his staff on the hill, where it rooted and flowered on Christmas Day.

The queen normally spends her Christmas at the royal estate at Sandringham, Norfolk, and many people gather to see her and members of her family attend church services during her stay.

For information on living in the local community, call me at Ext. 3145.

Happy holidays

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy holiday season and to wish you a successful 1998.

For more information on living in the local community, call Linda Laws at Ext. 3145.

USAFE Band, artists give ho

By SrA. Sarah Franco
48th Fighter Wing public affairs

The United States Air Forces in Europe Band and three American music artists perform during the free second annual Operations Seasons Greetings concert at 3 p.m. Saturday in Hangar 7.

The concert, sponsored by USAFE, brings Motown group The Miracles, country music star Mila Mason, and jazz and blues artist Juanita Williams together with the USAFE Band to play for military identification-card holders, their families and Department of Defense employees.

"Everything in the show is a highlight," said CMSgt. Bob Vasquez, USAFE Band manager. "Our thinking when we put this together was something for everyone."

The show is part of the total force initiative, where both active-duty and Reserve units work to accomplish a mission.

"The Air Force Reserve Command has supported us in many ways," Vasquez said, such as providing transportation.

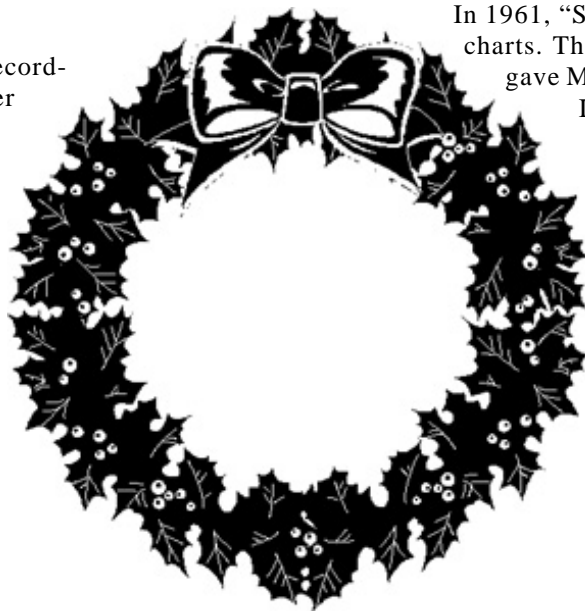
Mila Mason

Mila Mason is 33 and has been interested in music all her life. She was pictured on the Kenner toy jukebox when she was six, and appeared in an Easy Bake Oven ad. She moved to Nashville, Tenn., after high school to sing and write songs. She got her foot in the door by singing demos for Harlan Sanders and various other writers. She sang jingles, including one for Visa, and appeared in several music videos, where her early acting training helped. Revlon proclaimed her "Tennessee's Most Unforgettable Woman," when she worked as a model in Nashville.

In March 1995, Mason received a recording contract with Atlantic Records. Her two first releases, "That's Enough of That" and "Dark Horse," have charted well.



Mila Mason



"Music makes me happy," Mason told Jan Perry of the Cincinnati Post. "I don't have any way of knowing how long any of this will last, but as long as someone is listening, I'll be singing."

She said performing for Operations Seasons Greetings is her way of thanking the military for supporting national interests. But she said she was overwhelmed by the audiences' show of gratitude last year.

"They would stand in the cold for hours just to say hello," she said.

Mason is originally from Dawson Springs, Ky., and has a son, Kipp, and a daughter, Zelfhia, called Zel.



The Miracles – Bobby Rogers, David Finley and Sidney Justin.

The Miracles

Bobby Rogers, David Finley and Sidney Justin are the Miracles. Some of their best known songs include "Shop Around," "I Second That Emotion," "Tears Of A Clown," "Love Machine," "You've Really Got A Hold On Me," and "The Tracks Of My Tears."

In 1961, "Shop Around" was a No. 1 hit on the charts. The song established the Miracles and gave Motown Label its first million seller.

In 1974, the Miracles produced "Do It Baby, which was a No. 13 hit, and "Love Machine," which was a No. 1 hit on the pop and R&B charts.

The Miracles' music can also be heard on movie soundtracks including "The Big Chill," "Platoon," "Donnie Brasco" and other Motown compilations. In 1993, Motown Label gave the group a 35th anniversary retrospective.

In February, The Miracles received the "Pioneer Award" from the Rhythm and Blues Foundation. Plans are under way to give them a star on Hollywood Boulevard.

Miracles' member Justin was

oliday cheer to community

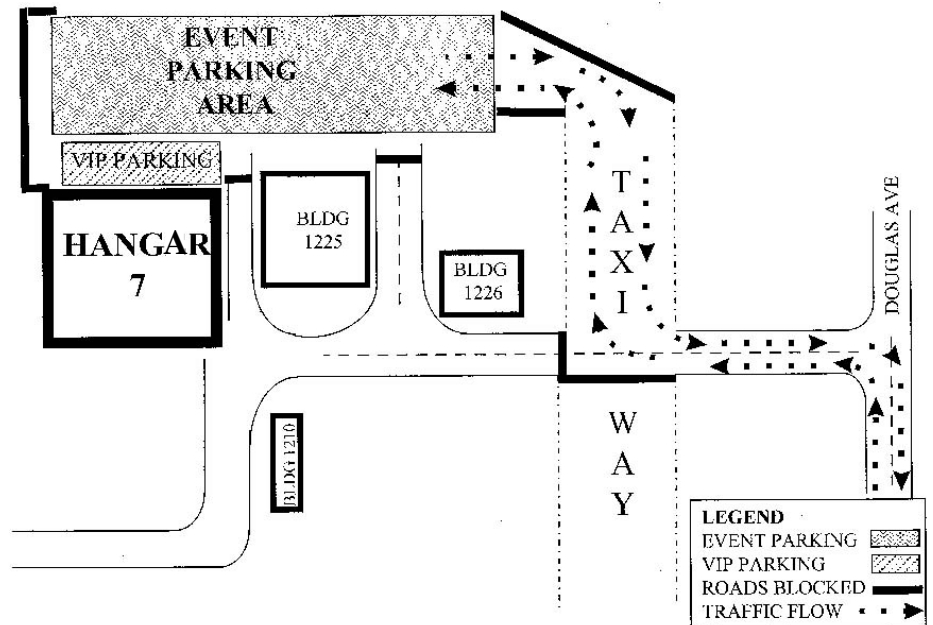
Traveling to, parking at holiday concert

To help people go to and from the Operations Seasons Greetings concert Saturday, there are several shuttles between RAF Lakenheath and RAF Mildenhall.

The shuttles pick up people at the Mildenhall lodging bus stop and drop them off at Hangar 7. The first departs at 2 p.m. and the second at 2:30 p.m. Return trips are at 5:15 p.m. and 5:45 p.m.

Parking

48th Security Forces Squadron members will be in place to direct traffic at 2 p.m. Saturday. All vehicles will be parked on the east side of Hangar 7, and security forces will direct all parking. They also plan to direct traffic at the end of the concert. To the right is a map of Hangar 7, the traffic flow and parking areas.



Map by MSgt. Ned Bandoske

born in New Orleans and was raised in Los Angeles. He played professional football with the Los Angeles Rams and the Indianapolis Colts. He competed in the 1979 Super Bowl as a cornerback with the Rams.

"This is a great opportunity for us to show American military members overseas how much we appreciate their hard work and sacrifices, especially this time of year," Justin said.

Juanita Williams

Juanita Williams is a Florida native, who studied music at the Fine Arts Conservatory of Greater Miami and La Pierre School of Music. Williams has performed live with Bob Hope, Wayne Newton, Carol Lawrence and Florence Henderson. She has also performed at the White House for the president and has appeared live on "Nashville Now."

Williams was the lead vocalist for the Air Force Band's Jazz ensemble: Airmen of Note. Songs from her album "Introducing Juanita Williams" include "Still in Love With You," "Crazy About You Baby" and "That'll Never Do."

Williams first visited RAF Lakenheath in 1989 as part of the Air Force Band. She retired from the Air Force less than three years ago as a senior master sergeant. She participated in Tops



Juanita Williams

In Blue before becoming part of the Air Force Band.

"It's great performing in front of an Air Force audience again," Williams said. "I know what it's like to be away from home and how it can make you feel to get a taste of home, especially during the holidays. I look forward to seeing (everyone) there."

Autograph possibilities

The artists plan to sign autographs from 4 - 5:45 today at the base exchange. Justin visits with children at the youth center beginning at 4 p.m. today. All stars plan to sign autographs from 5:15 - 6 p.m. Saturday at Hangar 7.

For more information about the concert, call the RAF Lakenheath Community Center at Ext. 2221.

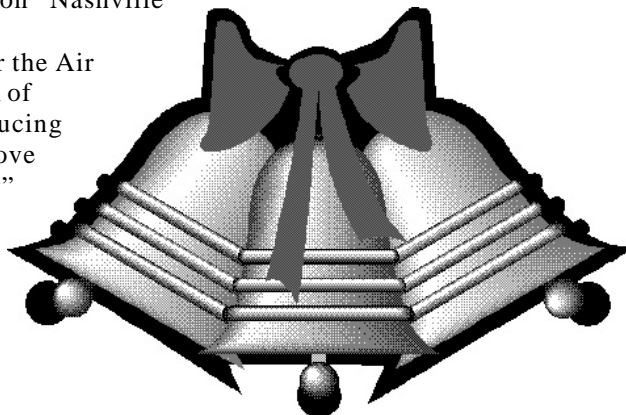




Photo by Kymm Kent

'Tis the season

(l) Audrey Fox helps (r) Melissa Mudge look for a six-foot Christmas tree Dec. 11.

Medical Explorer Post 521 held Christmas tree sales to raise money for their post. Medical Explorers is open to youth interested in learning new skills related to the medical field. For more information on explorers, call SrA. Arthur Jacobs at Ext. 2193.

speech therapy and dental will be arranged as necessary.

Post office extends hours

Parcel pick-up hours are extended to 7:30 p.m. weekdays until Tuesday. Christmas Eve pick-up hours are 7:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. Normal hours resume Dec. 29.

Christmas tree sales

Area Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts hold their annual Christmas tree sales at Field 3 behind the commissary until Tuesday. Hours are 4 - 7 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturdays, and noon - 6 p.m. Sundays. The profits provide operating funds to support 10 scouting units in the local military community.

Breast cancer class

The 48th Medical Group offers breast cancer prevention classes until Jan. 30. The classes instruct women on screening procedures and risk factors of breast cancer. Self-examination is taught. Anyone interested in attending a class or having one taught to a large group, call Marla Bernard at Ext. 6396.

Morning Bible study

A Bible study group begins in January. The Bible study is called "The Fruit of the Spirit," and is designed to be an interactive, small group.

For more information call Tammy Delorey at (01366) 727097.

Health, wellness center

The health and wellness center offers the following classes:

☐ LEARN - A 16-week course entitled Lifestyle, Exercise, Attitude, Relationships and Nutrition begins at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 6

☐ A supervisor's seminar on 'Myths and Facts Concerning Substance Abuse' is from 1 - 3 p.m. Jan. 6.

☐ Tobacco Cessation Class starts at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 8.

☐ A stress management class is from 1 - 3 p.m. Jan. 9 - 23. Attendance is not noted in medical records.

☐ By the Numbers, a program on responsible drinking, is from 1 - 2 p.m. Jan. 21.

Christmas parties

The RAF Lakenheath Enlisted Spouses' Club's annual Christmas party is at 6 p.m. today. For more information call Andrea Pudlowski after 6 p.m. at (01638) 533473.

Sunday school canceled

No Catholic or Protestant Sunday School will be held Sunday and Dec. 28. Normal Sunday School schedules resume Jan. 4.

Tax assistants

Volunteer income tax assistance training is Jan. 6 - 9. The legal office hosts the course taught by the Internal Revenue Service to all volunteer unit tax advisors. Anyone interested in being a unit tax advisor should call 1st Lt. Brent Cotton or SSgt. Nancy Bartels at Ext. 3553.

Kwanzaa

A Kwanzaa celebration is from 2 - 4 p.m. Dec. 27 at the Bob Hope Community Center. There are vendors, food, entertainment, games and prizes. Everything is free. The event is sponsored by the Ebony Heritage Committee. For more information call SSgt. Vanerra Reddic at 89-4388, SSgt. Eyvonne James at 89-3154 or MSgt. Dennis Terrell at 89-2554.

Christmas tree recycling

Drop off points for recycling Christmas trees are behind the American Youth Association on Bangor Road and at RAF Feltwell next to the recycling drop off on Carrington Road. People can drop off Christmas trees Dec. 27 - Jan. 8.

Cleft lip/palate disorder

The otolaryngology clinic provides follow-up care for infants, children and adults with cleft lip/palate and related disorders. Anyone who has the cleft lip/palate or related disorders, or a child with the disorder should call the ear, nose and throat clinic at Ext. 3781 or 3106. Follow-up visits with audiology,

Family Support Center

RAF Lakenheath Family Support Center classes are at the family support center unless otherwise noted. For location, registration and information on programs, call the FSC at Ext. 3847, or stop by building 692.

PCS with ease - 1-3 p.m. Jan. 7

Resume writing - 1-4 p.m. Jan. 7

English as a second language - 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays

Getting the spark back - 7-9 p.m. Jan. 7

Early childhood parenting - 5-6:30 p.m.

Jan. 8, four-week class meets Thursdays

PCSing with your pet - 7-8 p.m. Jan. 8

E-4 and below financial class - 1-3:30

p.m. Jan. 12 for singles and 1-3:30 p.m.

Jan. 12 for married couples

Foreign-born spouses' group - 4:30-

6:30 p.m. Jan. 12 and 26

Volunteer orientation - 10:30 a.m. - noon

Jan. 13

Basic investing - 2-4 p.m. Jan. 13

Job surfing the Internet - 1-4 p.m. Jan.

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Kids on the move, 5-8 years - 4-5:30 p.m.

Jan. 14

Kids on the move, 9-12 years - 4-5:30

p.m. Jan. 15

Positive Alternative - 4-5:30 p.m. Jan.

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If you would like to sign up for any

of these classes, call Ext. 3847 or email

(bill.sokolis@lakenheath.af.mil).

What's on at Services

Today	Saturday	Sunday
<ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ Santa visits the base library from 10- 11:30a.m. and from 4 - 5 p.m. (Ext. 3713)❑ A Christmas party for families is from 6:30 - 8 p.m. at the Shepherd's Grove Community Center. [(01359) 250269]❑ An open skating session is from 7 - 11 p.m. (Ext. 1627)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ The free Seasons Greetings Concert is at 3 p.m. in Hangar 7. (Ext. 2221)❑ Entry fee for the best-decorated base house contest is \$1. (Ext. 7291 or 2221)❑ People who buy a bicycle at the Pedaler Bike Shop receive a gift. (Ext. 2146)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ People can sign up for School's Out Art Program at the arts and crafts center. (Ext. 2194)❑ A Christmas party for children 13 and under is from 1 - 2:30 p.m. at the RAF Feltwell Community Center. (Ext. 7291)❑ A "Football Frenzy" is from 6 - 11 p.m. at the Liberty Club. (Ext. 1601).

SOAP Program

The School's Out Art Program kicks off during the Christmas break. For more information or to sign up, call Ext. 2194.

Holiday card competition

The annual squadron holiday card competition is underway. Each squadron may get free wood from the woodcrafts center to design cards. Finished cards can be turned in to the woodcrafts center for judging Monday. Cards will be displayed next to Donutland. For details call Ext. 3367.

Half hour, half price

The officers' club offers a special from 5:30- 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursday during December. Order one regular-priced entree and receive the second of equal or lesser value at half price. Call Ext. 3636 for details.

New Year's Eve parties

The 48th Services Squadron offers several New Year's Eve parties. The Liberty Club holds a party from 8p.m. - 2 a.m. The rod and gun club's party begins at 9 p.m. and runs through 2 a.m.



Menu

Today
Lunch: barbecued beef cubes, New England boiled dinner, baked fish
Dinner: beef yakisoba, pork schnitzel, Newport fried chicken

Saturday
Lunch: ginger pot roast, chicken tetrazzini
Dinner: steak smothered with onions, turkey risotto, pasta fagioli

Sunday
Lunch: beef stroganoff, Polish sausage with peppers
Dinner: baked chicken and rice, roast beef, fish and chips

Monday
Lunch: el rancho stew, tuna-cheese macaroni, baked-stuffed pork chops
Dinner: country style steak, hot-and-spicy chicken, vegetarian-stuffed peppers

Tuesday
Lunch: lasagna, jaegerschnitzel, herbed spinach bake
Dinner: fried beef and noodles, Creole shrimp, chicken fajitas

Wednesday
Lunch: southern-fried catfish, Cajun meatloaf, southern-fried chicken
Dinner: buffalo wings, spaghetti with meat sauce, tamale pie

Thursday
Lunch and dinner: steamship round, boneless turkey, baked ham with honey glaze

Liberty Lanes sponsors a bowling extravaganza from 8p.m. - 2 a.m.

Youth trips

The youth center sponsors the following trips for 9 - 12 year olds: Saturday - a trip to the Grafton Center. Monday - a trip to Sealife Center at Great Yarmouth; Dec. 27 - a trip to Waterworld in Thetford; and Dec. 29 - a trip to Peterborough Ice Skating Rink. For details call Ext. 3180.

Best decorated Christmas card

Prizes will be given for the best decorated Christmas card for the following age groups: 0-4, 5-7, 8-12, 13-16 and 17 and up. Entries are taken at the RAF Lakenheath Community Center. Judging is at 4 p.m. today. There is a \$1 entry fee. For more information, call Ext. 2221

Children's Christmas parties

The RAF Feltwell Community Center's children's Christmas party is from 1 - 2:30 p.m. Sunday for children 13 and under. Santa visits the free event. Call Ext. 7291 for more information.

The Shepherd's Grove Community Center's Christmas party is from 6:30 - 8 p.m. today. Families may join the party. Santa visits for photos. Children can also participate in an optional gift exchange game where each child can bring a wrapped gift worth up to \$20. Gifts should be suitable both boys and girls. For more information call (01359) 250268.

Holiday meals to go

The Liberty Club offers holiday meals "to go" through Wednesday. Call 24 hours in advance to place meal orders, which feed 15 to 20 people. Each meal includes a choice of roast turkey or baked ham, stuffing, whipped potatoes, gravy, sweet potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, pecan pie and pumpkin pie. Orders taken at both clubs with pick up at the Liberty Club. Call Ext. 2489 or 3636 to order or for more information.

Santa suit rentals

The RAF Lakenheath Community Center rents Santa suits throughout December. Cost is \$20 per 24 hours. Call Ext. 2221 for further details.

At the movies

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Today
7 p.m. - "The Edge" (R) Starring Anthony Hopkins and Alec Baldwin. A model, her photographer and her husband crash in the middle of nowhere. The two men begin to compete for the model.
9:30 p.m. - "The Game" (R) Starring Michael Douglas and Sean Penn. A businessman receives a strange adventure game that drives him toward madness.

Saturday
1:30 p.m. - "101 Dalmatians" (G) Starring Glenn Close, Jeff Daniels and Joely Richardson. A live remake of the classic Disney cartoon.
4 p.m. - "Flubber" (PG) Starring Robin Williams. Williams plays the absent-minded professor who accidentally discovers flubber. The gravity-defying substance causes chaos.
7 p.m. - "Anastasia" (G) Animated. The lost princess of the Romanov family must establish her real identity and fight off a curse and evil minions.
9:30 p.m. - "In and Out" (PG-13) Starring Kevin Kline and Tom Selleck. A small-town teacher is ousted by a former student who wins an academy award for playing a gay character.

Sunday
1:30 p.m. - "Toy Story" (G) Computer animated. Set in a world where toys have a life of their own when people aren't around, "Toy Story" is a comedy.
4 p.m. - "Flubber" (PG)
7 p.m. - "In and Out" (PG-13)

Monday
4 p.m. - "Adventures of Pinocchio" (G) Starring Martin Landau and Jonathan Taylor Thomas. This live-action version of Carol Colodi's 19th-century children's classic is the tale of Geppetto and his wooden puppet with the tiltale nose.
7 p.m. - "Anastasia" (G)

Tuesday
4 p.m. - "Pocahontas" (G) Animated. A story about a Native American princess and John Smith, an English settler.
7 p.m. - "Anastasia" (G)

Wednesday
Closed

Thursday
Closed

Dec. 26
4 p.m. - "Hercules" (G) Animated. Cast from the heavens, Hercules must prove his worth on earth before reclaiming his status.
7 p.m. - "A Thousand Acres" (R) Starring Jessica Lange and Michelle Pfeiffer. Based on the Pulitzer Prize winning novel by Jane Smiley, three sisters are involved in family secrets and jealousies. Their father decides to distribute the family farm to his daughters with disastrous results.
9:30 p.m. - "Peacemaker" (R) Starring George Clooney and Nicole Kidman. Clooney and Kidman travel to the heart of the former Soviet Union to stop terrorists with a stolen nuclear weapon.

Dec. 27
4 p.m. - "Mousehunt" (PG) Starring Nathan Lane and Christopher Walken. Two down-and-out brothers are delighted to learn that the mansion they just inherited is worth millions. But, they must rid the premises of a pesky mouse before they can cash in.
7 p.m. - "Peacemaker" (R)
9:30 p.m. - "Alien Resurrection" (R) Starring Sigourney Weaver and Wynona Ryder. Two hundred years after Ripley plunged into the acid vat, the company reconstructs her DNA, along with the queen alien that was inside her body. Now Ripley is something more than human, and no one knows whose side she's on.

Dec. 28
4 p.m. - "Mousehunt" (PG)
7 p.m. - "Soul Food" (R) Starring Vanessa Williams and Vivica Fox. A family's weekly get-togethers, almost lost during a period of personal tragedies and fallings outs, is saved when the youngest family member finds a way to bring everybody back to the table.

Dec. 29
4 p.m. - "Jumangi" (PG) Starring Robin Williams and Bonnie Hunt. Williams stars as Alan Parrish who is finally freed from the spell of an ancient magical game.
7 p.m. - "Alien Resurrection" (R)

Dec. 30
4 p.m. - "Muppet Treasure Island" (G) Starring Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy. The muppets go on an adventure, where they encounter pirates, buried treasure and some angry warthogs in the movie based on Robert Louis Stevenson's classic.
7 p.m. - "Soul Food" (R)

Dec. 31
Closed

Jan. 1
Closed

RAF Mildenhall

Friday
7 p.m. - "Rocket Man" (PG) Starring Harland Williams and Jessica Lundy. Backup astronaut Williams is drafted at the last minute for a quick trip to Mars. The space cadet is more klutz than rocket scientist and the voyage becomes a mess.
9:30 p.m. - "Soul Food" (R)

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Wednesday
7 p.m. - "Rocket Man" (PG)

Thursday
Closed

Dec. 26
7 p.m. - "Kiss the Girls" (R) Starring Morgan Freeman and Ashley Judd. Dr. Alex Cross, a Washington D.C. police detective is searching for his niece who disappeared in North Carolina. He teams up with the local doctor Kate McTieman, who has information vital to his investigations.
9:30 p.m. - "Gattaca" (PG-13) Starring Ethan Hawke and Uma Thurman. In the future, genetic engineering has become society's controlling force. Each citizen's life is mapped out from a drop of blood taken at birth.

Dec. 27
1:30 p.m. - "Flubber" (PG)
4 p.m. - "Flubber" (PG)
7 p.m. - "For Richer or Poorer" (PG-13) Starring Tim Allen and Kirsty Alley. A married couple must flee when their accountant takes off with all their wealth.
9:30 p.m. - "L.A. Confidential" (R) Starring Kevin Spacey and Kim Basinger. In the early 1950s, Los Angeles was a city where anything corrupt went hand in hand and head to head in a deadly power struggle to rule the city.

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Holiday hours

Many Liberty Wing offices have different hours through the holidays. Here is an alphabetical list of some of the most used facilities and their holiday hours.

Facility	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	Dec. 26	Dec. 31	Jan. 1
48th Street Café	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Aero club	Normal	Closed	Normal	Normal	Closed
Arts and crafts center	10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Closed except SOAP	Closed except SOAP	Closed except SOAP	Closed except SOAP
Auto crafts center	6:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Closed	Closed	9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Closed
Child development center	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Closed	Closed	6:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Closed
Commissary	Closes at 1 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Normal	Closed
Community bank	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Normal	Closed
Electric Avenue	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Closed	11 a.m. - 9 p.m.	10 a.m. - 8 p.m.	Closed
Equipment rentals	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Closed	Normal	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Closed
Family child care	5 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Closed	Closed	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Closed
Fitness and sports center	Normal	Closed	5 a.m. - 9 p.m.	5 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Closed
Great Little Pizza Place	Normal	Closed	4 p.m. - midnight	4 p.m. - midnight	4 - 11 p.m.
Golf course	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Snack bar	Closed	Closed	Normal	Normal	Closed
Steak house	Closed	Closed	5:30 - 9 p.m.	Closed	Closed
Hourly care	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Human resources office	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Information, tickets and tours	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Closed	Closed	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Closed
Knights Table	7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.	7 - 8 a.m., 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., 4 - 5 p.m.	7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.	7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.	7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Liberty Club					
cashiers' cage	10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Closed	10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., 4:30 - 9 p.m.	10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., 4:30 - 9 p.m.	3 - 9 p.m.
dining	5 - 8 p.m.	Closed	Normal evening hours	New Year's buffet	Closed
sports bar	11 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Closed	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.	11 a.m. - midnight	3 - 9 p.m.
bar	11 a.m. - 8 p.m.	Closed	11 a.m. - 11 p.m.	11 a.m. - 3 a.m.	3 - 11 p.m.
Liberty Lanes bowling	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Closed	Noon - 10 p.m.	10 a.m. - 1 p.m., 6 p.m. - 2 a.m.	Closed
snack bar	6:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Closed	6:30 a.m. - 11 p.m.	6:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Closed
Liberty Lodge	24 hours	24 hours	24 hours	24 hours	24 hours
Library	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Closed	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Closed
Officers' club	Closed	Closed	Closed	New year's party	Closed
Outdoor recreation	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Closed	Normal	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Closed
Pedaler Bike Shop	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Closed	Normal	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Closed
Preschool enrichment	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
RAF Feltwell Child Development Center	6:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Closed	Closed	6:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Closed
RAF Feltwell Community Center	Closed	Closed	Normal	Closed	Closed
RAF Feltwell furnishings office	At 2:30 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Normal	Closed
RAF Feltwell Lunch Box	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
RAF Feltwell Snack Bar	Closes after lunch	Closed	Closed	Closes after lunch	Closed
RAF Lakenheath Community Center	10 a.m. - 10 p.m.	Noon - 8 p.m.	Normal	10 a.m. - 9 p.m.	11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
RAF Lakenheath housing office	At 2:30 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Normal	Closed
RAF Mildenhall housing office	At 2:30 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Normal	Closed
Rod and gun club	Normal	Closed	Normal	Normal	Normal
Self help store	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Shepherd's Grove Community Center	Closed	Closed	6 - 11 p.m.	Closed	Closed
Skating rink	Closed	Closed	7 - 11 p.m.	Closed	Closed
Swimming pool	6 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Closed	Noon - 5 p.m.	Noon - 5 p.m.	Closed
Vehicle operations flight	Normal	Closed	Normal	Normal	Closed
Woodcraft center	11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Closed except SOAP	Closed except SOAP	Closed except SOAP	Closed except SOAP
Youth center school age program	6:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Closed	Closed	6:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Closed
Youth center open recreation	1 - 5 p.m.	Closed	1 - 6 p.m.	1 - 6 p.m.	Closed



Photo by Kymm Kent

Hole-in-one

Jeff Sealy, 48th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, scored a hole-in-one on the sixth hole Dec. 7 at the RAF Lakenheath Golf Course. He used a pitching wedge on the 140 yard par 3.

"It was like winning the lottery," said Sealy.

Sports Shorts

Supply clinches championship

The 48th Supply Squadron golf team finished fifth in the regular season, but defeated 48 CS twice to win the championship match.

Instructor needed

The 48th Services Squadron seeks a qualified Tae Kwon Do instructor. Applicants must have one year teaching experience. For more information call Ext. 2232.

Basketball camp

The youth center sponsors a youth basketball camp Dec. 22 - 23 and Dec. 29 - 30.

The camp teaches the basics of basketball. For more information call Karl Pfoor at Ext. 3735.

Aerobic Christmas party

The fitness and sports center sponsors an aerobic Christmas party from 10 - 11 a.m. Saturday. There's a pot luck after the workout, so bring a dish. For more information call Lorraine Botwright at Ext. 5076.

New Year's bowling

Liberty Lanes sponsors a New Year's Eve Bowling Extravaganza from 8 p.m. - 2 a.m. Dec. 31. Cost is \$25 per single or \$50 per couple. Price includes six games of Scotch Double, an evening buffet, champagne, party favors and breakfast. For details call Ext. 2108.

Basketball tournament

The RAF Lakenheath invitational basket-

ball tournament is Jan. 16, 17 and 18. The tournament is double elimination and costs \$200 or £140 per team. For more information call Kevin Harden at Ext. 5076.

Nutrition seminar

The fitness and sports center offers "Nutrition for the New Year" from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Jan. 28 at the Liberty Club. To register call Lorraine Botwright at Ext. 5076.

Sports certification

The fitness and sports center offers sports certifications March 13 - 15. Classes offered include weight trainer consultant, sports nutrition consultant and step certification. For more information call Lorraine Botwright at Ext. 3607.

Climbing at the youth center

The youth center offers climbing classes for the "Radical Rock" from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

Open climbing is from 5:30 - 9 p.m. Thursdays and is available for those who have had four climbing classes. Cost for classes and climbing sessions is \$3. For more information call Ext. 3180.

Pedaler Bike Shop

The Pedaler Bike Shop offers Christmas specials until Dec. 31. Buy a bike and receive a gift.

Receive a 10 percent discount coupon for accessories and a free 30-day check up. For more information call Ext. 2146.

Standings

Intramural raquetball standings as of Nov. 30

Team	Points
DODDS	31
48 EMS	28
494 FS	27
48 SFS	25
48 MSS	19
48 CES	18

Intramural basketball standings - Mon.-Wed.-Fri. as of Dec. 12

Team	W	L
48 CRS	9	1
48 MSS	6	4
48 MED GRP	5	3
493 FS	5	4
48 CES	4	6
48 OSS	2	6

Intramural basketball standings - Tues.-Thurs. as of Dec. 12

Team	W	L
48 SFS	9	0
48 EMS	7	1
48 SUPPLY	4	4
494 FS	4	5
DSTS	3	6
492 FS	2	6

Intramural basketball standings - Over-30s league as of Dec. 12

Team	W	L
48 MED GRP	6	0
48 EMS	6	2
48 MSS	5	2
48 SFS	5	2
DSTS	4	3
SUPP HAWKS	4	3
48 CES	3	4
48 OSS	3	4
SUP DIRTY 30	3	5
48 CRS	1	5
48 COMM	1	6
372 TRS/DET 16	1	6

Standings provided by the fitness and sports center.

For more information on sports, call the fitness and sports center at Ext. 3607.